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ORIGINAL MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, MARCH–MAY, 1746.

Among the recent accessions to the Manuscript Division of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, is the gift of Mrs. Rodman Wharton, of the Cox—Parrish—Wharton Papers, and worthy of special notice is the rough minutes of the Library Company of Philadelphia, March 10–May 5, 1746, in the handwriting of Benjamin Franklin. Joseph Breintnall was the first Secretary of the Library Company and the Directors usually met at his house before and after his death in 1746. Franklin succeeded him until 1757.

March 10, 1745/6.

At a Meeting of the Directors, at Joseph Breintnals, present Samuel Morris, Samuel Rhodes, Evan Morgan, Joseph Stretch, Philip Syng, & Benjamin Franklin.

No Business done, for want of a sufficient Number of Members.

April 14, 1746.

At a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Breintnall's, present Evan Morgan, Samuel Morris, Hugh Roberts, John Jones, Jacob Duché, Philip Syng, & Benjamin Franklin.

The Directors being acquainted that Isaac Jones desired to become a Member, he was approved of.

N. Scull allowed to transfer his share to his Son Edward who is admitted a Member.

Enoch Flower also applying for Leave to become a Member, was approved of; and it was agreed that Seth Flower, a Nephew of his under Age, might be permitted

to take out Books on Enoch Flower's Notes, the said Enoch being acountable.

Mr. Collinson's Accounts, received by Harrison was laid before the Directors, and follows, viz.

(Here insert it.)

A Book entitled New microscopical Discoveries, came to hand with the Acct. from Mr. Collinson, also the Magazine for November & December.

Philip Syng and Samuel Morris are appointed to review the Library, and give the Directors an Account at the next Meeting, what books are missing.—And Benj^a^ Franklin is to draw from the Minutes an Account of the Pamphlets that ought to be in the Library.

Agreed to meet in the Library Room on Saturday the 3^d^ of May, at 2 o'Clock P. M. to finish the Business of the Year.—And B. Franklin is desired to advertize the General Meeting, in his next Gazette.

May 3, 1746.

At a Meeting of the Directors at the Library, so few appeared that no Business could be done. Adjourn'd to the Day of Election.

May 5, 1746.

At a Meeting of the Directors, at the Widow Breintnals, Present Evan Morgan, Benj^a^ Franklin, Philip Sing; Samuel Rhodes, Samuel Morris, Thomas Hopkinson, & Joseph Stretch.

The Directors took into Consideration that Joseph Breintnal late Secretary had faithfully serv'd.